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Sharing God's Blessings	
Date	Collection
Feb 1 & 2	\$1424
Thanks for your contribution	

CCD Class will be held on Feb 2 & 16
 Parents, please bring your kids to the class

- O CIA Class will be held on Tuesday February 11, 18 and 25**

All are welcome to join us to share your faith with Catechumens and Candidates.

THE HOLY FATHER'S PRAYER INTENTION

February For vocations to the priesthood and religious life. Let us pray that the ecclesial community might welcome the desires and doubts of those young people who feel a call to serve Christ's mission in the priesthood and religious life.

Please contact Fr. Thien Nguyen for:

- Anointing of the sick; Holy Communion to the sick or homebound.**
- Baptism of infants and Children under 7. RCIA/RCIC is for adults and children older than 7. Mee**

+ Sacrament of Marriage:
 Arrangements should be made with the pastor at least Six months before a wedding. Please, do not set a wedding date before contacting your pastor. Preparation classes with the pastor are required.

LITURGY SCHEDULE
SATURDAY: 5:00 p.m
SUNDAY 11:00 a.m

WEEKDAY: Tue, Wed, Thu at 5:00 p.m.
Friday at 8:00 a.m
Holy Day of Obligation at 6:00 p.m

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION:
 Every Tuesday at 5:00 p.m prior to Mass

RECONCILIATION: Any time 30 minutes before or after daily Mass, After Sunday Mass
Other days by appointment

MASS INTENTIONS
 Saturday Feb 15- for Beata Intentions

SUNDAY FEB 16
FOR PARISHIONERS OF ST. THOMAS


Tue, Feb 18 for (+)Walter Brooks Schoonover
Rq Larry Schoonover

Wed, Feb 19 for Beata Intentions
Thursday Feb 20
For Benefactors of our parish

Friday Feb 21 for (+) Martha
Rq by Pat McPherson

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Bethany Peters Feb. 12
 Dot Shimko Feb. 16
 Chick Shimko Feb. 23



Wishing you all Happy and Blessed Birthday

THANK YOU

Many Thanks to Marian Agostino, Rick Allen, Kathy Bronkhurst, Tom Teubert, Dot Shimko, Kari Friend, McLaughin Family, Collen Mahon, Kevin Carpenter, Theresa, Beata and 7 volunteers from Weirton For helping our Food Pantry on Feb 12 & 13

We served 117 families this month!

The Diocesan Office of Safe Environment
 To report an incidence of suspected child sexual abuse, please contact your local law enforcement agency, or you may confidentially contact WV Child Protective Services at 800.352.6513. In addition to civil authorities, to report suspected cases of sexual abuse by personnel of the Diocese of Wheeling-Charleston to the Diocese, please contact the Diocese at 888.434.6237 or 304.233.0880. Please visit www.dwc.org under "Accountability" for additional information and reporting methods.

Dear Brothers and Sisters in the Lord!
Greetings on this Sixth Sunday In Ordinary Time,

The Scripture readings for the Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time today offer a rich teaching on the values of the Kingdom of God. *First Reading (Jeremiah 17:5-8)* the prophet Jeremiah contrasts two types of people: those who trust in human strength and those who trust in the Lord. The person who trusts in the Lord is like a tree planted by water, flourishing even in dry times, while the one who trusts in human power is like a barren bush in a desert. The reading emphasizes the importance of placing trust in God, who brings life and stability, as opposed to relying on earthly strength or wealth, which ultimately leads to emptiness.

The psalm response echoes this truth: "Blessed is the one who trusts in the Lord." This is a blessing not only for those who trust in God's provision and care but also for those who align their lives with His will. The trust in God's law and His love transforms our hearts and makes us more resilient in facing life's challenges.

Now, in the Gospel (Luke 6:17-26), we hear Jesus speak the Beatitudes, which offer a radical vision of what it means to live a life rooted in God. It's easy to read these blessings and woes and think that Jesus is simply talking about the physical state of people—whether they are poor or rich, hungry or full. But what He is truly speaking about is a deeper spiritual condition.

Jesus begins by blessing the poor, the hungry, those who mourn, and those who are persecuted for His sake. These individuals may seem to be at a disadvantage in the world's eyes, but in God's eyes, they are in a blessed position because they are dependent on Him. When we are poor in spirit, when we hunger for righteousness, when we mourn the brokenness of this world, we are in a place where God can fill us, heal us, and transform us.

On the other hand, Jesus pronounces woes on those who are rich, well-fed, and complacent. The danger here is not the wealth itself, but the temptation to rely on earthly things and to forget our dependence on God. Those who are self-sufficient risk falling into spiritual pride and complacency, missing the deeper joys that come from a life lived in service to God and others.

This message is not about condemning wealth, pleasure, or success. Rather, it is about where we place our trust and how we use the gifts God has given us. Jesus is calling us to a radical reordering of our priorities. He invites us to live according to the values of the Kingdom of God, where humility, mercy, and justice are the true signs of blessedness. The deeper challenge for us today is to examine our hearts: **Do we trust in God or in ourselves? Are we allowing God's love to transform our attitudes, relationships, and actions?** The law of God is not simply about following rules—it's about aligning our will with God's will, and allowing His Word to shape our lives in ways that bring about true peace and joy. May the Lord strengthen us in our faith and guide us on the path of righteousness. *Fr. Thien*



DIocese of Wheeling-Charleston

PRIESTHOOD Discernment Retreat

- Open to men 18 and older
- Pray, share meals, and meet with current WV seminarians
- Hear talks about priestly life and discernment

ST. JOHN XXIII PASTORAL CENTER
 100 Hodges Rd, Charleston, WV 25314

FRIDAY MARCH 7 → SATURDAY MARCH 8

Apply today! 

Most Reverend Mark E. Brennan
 Bishop of the Roman Catholic Diocese of Wheeling-Charleston

cordially invites you to the celebration of the

RED MASS

The annual Mass, calling on the Holy Spirit to guide members of the local bar association, members of the court, and other civil officials in the administration of justice and good government.

Thursday, February 20, 2025
 6:00 p.m.

Basilica of the Co-Cathedral of the Sacred Heart
 1032 Virginia Street East
 Charleston, West Virginia

A light reception will immediately follow
 Parking is available at the parish lot on Virginia Street East

THANKS YOU! On Feb 12 & 13 In the rain and cold, St. Thomas Food Pantry and Walking with Moms in Need still opened to help those in need. We served 117 families with food and 11 mother with diapers, baby wipes, clothes...

We thank benefactors and volunteers; especially 7 volunteers from Weirton.
"Blessed are you who are poor, for the kingdom of God is yours.
Blessed are you who are now hungry, for you will be satisfied. (Luke 6:21)



January 21-23, During the last three days, even in extreme cold weather(-7 to 26), parishioners and volunteers of Risen Lord Food Pantry are still faithful. We unloaded, packaged and distributed food for the poor in Clay County. We served about 15,000 pounds of food to 192 families. Thank you all Benefactors and Volunteers.

